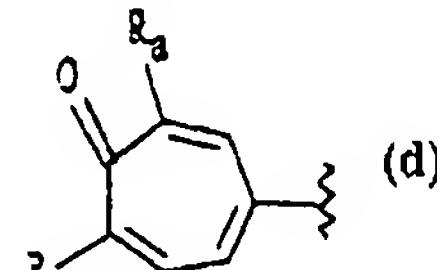
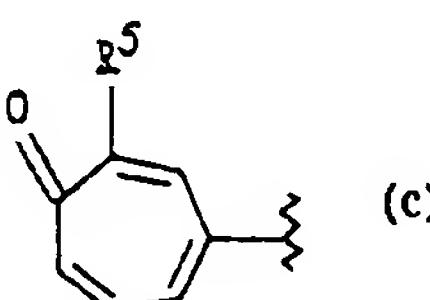
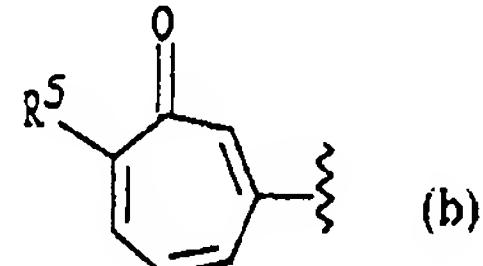
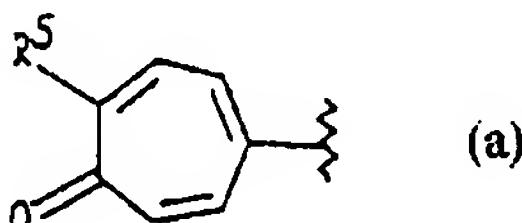
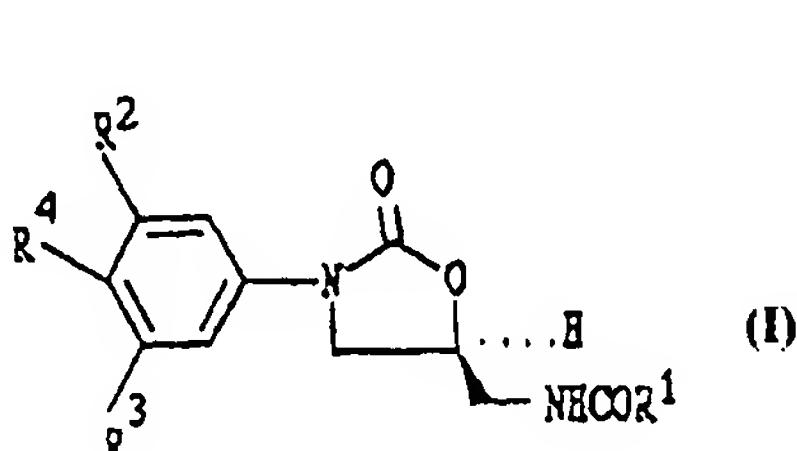


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## (57) Abstract

A novel class of phenyloxazolidinone antibacterial agents which have, as their salient structural feature, an appended substituted tropone moiety, are described. Intermediates and processes for the preparation of these antibiotics are also disclosed. These compounds are useful antibacterial agents to eradicate or control susceptible organisms. In formula (I), R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are the same as in claim 1 and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of (a), (b), (c) and (d), wherein R and R<sub>a</sub> are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with chloro, fluoro, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>) alkoxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>) alkylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>) dialkylamino.